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Continuing Medical Education Requirements

Doctors are required to obtain 15 hours per year of continuing medical education and retain documentation of that CME in their offices for Board audit for a minimum of three years. Acceptable CME include; any CME offered by a Board approved school of naturopathic medicine, a state or national organization of licensed naturopathic physicians, another state's licensing authority, or category 1A by the AMA.

Failure to complete and maintain records of CME is a violation of Board rules, and could result in action against your license.

These CME requirements will be increasing in 2003 to 30 hours per year.

How to Inactivate Your License Without Running Afoul of the Law

Arizona Revised Statutes requires a physician to request retirement in writing or their license will be suspended for non-renewal. Physicians who move out of state often overlook this requirement and are surprised to discover later that their license has been suspended. ARS 32-1528 requires you inform the Board in writing of your intent not to renew your license and "permanently" retire. If all your fees are current and there are no outstanding complaints against your license, the Board will then issue you a certificate of retirement, which will not require annual renewal.

You may request reinstatement of a retired license as long as you continue to meet the requirements of licensure in 32-1522 and by completing CME for the year of reinstatement and paying all fees.

Arizona Medical Licenses Retired Since December 2001

Dr. Michael Ancharski	Dr. James Massey
Dr. John Baranowski	Dr. Michael O'Grady
Dr. Buffy Binder	Dr. Pamela Paetzhold
Dr. Eugene A. Burns	Dr. Thomas Pearson
Dr. Gene R. Chester	Dr. Thomas Reece
Dr. Gary Dreger	Dr. Robert T. Sharp
Dr. Kathryn Fousler	Dr. Elizabeth Wagner
Dr. Mark Kelley	Dr. Eric Yarnell
Dr. Serene Loh	

Certificates to Dispense, Who Needs One?

There has been a lot of confusion on this issue. Here's the bottom line; if you sell anything to a patient that is taken home with them, you need a Certificate to Dispense. *If you work in a not-for-profit facility, there is no charge for the certificate, but you still must have one and you must renew it before July 1 every year.* If you are receiving any income from the sale of medical devices, nutritional supplements, homeopathic medications, botanical medications, nonprescription or prescription drugs you must have a Certificate to Dispense.

The legislature intended that doctors who function as pharmacies have this additional level of regulation. There are similar requirements of the allopathic and osteopathic professions. The Board will be doing ongoing inspections of physician's offices and will be enforcing this statute. We don't want to fine anyone, but we need to enforce the law. The fines can run up to \$10,000. So, please comply with this requirement of law and save us all a lot of trouble.

A.R.S. 32-1507 (A)

Each person who holds a license or certificate pursuant to this chapter shall inform the board in writing, **within thirty days**, of any change in status of that person's initial application including any change of **name, residence, practice address and telephone number and of each subsequent change of status.** A licensee's or a certificate holder's residential address and residential telephone number or numbers are not available to the public unless they are the only address and numbers of record.

Jurisprudence Exam Given At Board Office

Beginning in February of this year, Jurisprudence examinations are given at the Board Office at 1400 W. Washington. Every person wanting a license to practice medicine in the State of Arizona must successfully pass this exam with a minimum of 75%. Exams are given at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth Monday of every month unless noted otherwise. Anyone arriving after the doors are closed will not be allowed to sit for the exam.

Remaining Exam Dates for 2002 are:

May 28 (Tuesday)	September 23
June 24	October 28
July 22	November 25
August 26	December 16

The cost of the exam is \$60.00. To sign up, call the Board office at 602-542-8242 at least a week before the exam.

Annual Renewal Dates A.R.S. 32-1526

On or before July 1

Certificate to Dispense
Medical Assistant Certificate

On or before December 31

Naturopathic Medical License
Internship: Conduct
Preceptorship: Conduct
Clinical Training Program: Conduct
School of Naturopathic Medicine: Conduct

On or Before One Year From Date of Issue

Clinical Training Certificate: Engage
Internship Program Certificate: Engage
Preceptorship Training Certificate: Engage

Naturopathic Physicians Board of Medical
Examiners Monthly Meeting ~ 1p.m. ~ 1400
W. Washington, B1 (Basement)

You are encouraged to attend.

June 13	September 12	December 12
July 11	October 10	
August 8	November 14	

**~ Welcome ~
New Naturopathic
Physicians for 2002**

**Dr. Damien Brandeis
Dr. Christina Compton
Dr. David Daily
Dr. Mariam Malek
Dr. Shahrzad Orona
Dr. Roxie Strand**

**~ Welcome ~
New Preceptees for 2002**

**Dr. Eugene Eihausen
Dr. Santo Prato
Dr. James Tuggle**

**~ Welcome ~
New Medical Assistants
For 2002**

**Ms. Yolande Grill
Ms. Marla Bridget Smith
Mr. Hyung Sun Lee**

Web Site Functioning Well

If you haven't had an opportunity to visit our web site, please take a moment to do so.

www.npbomex.az.gov.

Highlights:

- Proposed Board Rules Available for review
 - List of Names, addresses, & phone numbers for all physicians licensed by this Board. Updated twice a year, February and August.
 - Names of all Board members
 - Easy Email contact with staff at NPBOMEX Office
 - Disciplinary Action: Coming Soon
 - Laws that effect you
 - Rules that effect you
 - Newletters
 - Links to AANP, NABNE, AzNMA & CNME
 - Forms: Coming soon
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Adding a Practice Location?

Each person who holds a license or a certificate must display that document in a conspicuous place easily visible by the public. If that person is practicing medicine at more than one location, a duplicate license/certificate must be displayed. To order the duplicate, please send a letter to the Board office at 1400 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007 indicating each additional location, clinic name, effective date, and type of duplicate document needed. The processing fee for each duplicate is \$12.50. Soon you will be able to download a change of name and/or address form from our web site.

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Attached to this continuation bill was perhaps the most significant scope of practice legislation ever passed in Arizona as it relates to the practice of naturopathic medicine. It represented a concerted and cooperative effort by the allopathic, osteopathic, naturopathic and pharmacy professions. In essence, it codifies a very broad prescriptive authority for naturopathic physicians and requires some additional training and testing. Doctors licensed by this Board will have the option of completing a 60-hour class in pharmacotherapeutics and taking a test on that subject, or confining their practices to non-prescription drugs after January 2005. The AzNMA and SCNM will be developing the class in concert with the other medical professions. NPBOMEX will administer the test.

The definition of naturopathic medicine has been amended to read:

~~20- 23.~~ "Practice of naturopathic medicine" means a medical system of diagnosing and treating diseases, injuries, ailments, infirmities and other conditions of the human mind and body including by natural means, drugless methods, DRUGS AS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION, nonsurgical methods, devices, physical, electrical, hygienic and sanitary measures and all forms of physical agents and modalities.

******As of August 20, 2002, Naturopathic physicians licensed in Arizona will be able to prescribe all legend drugs and all controlled substances listed as schedule III, IV, and V with the exceptions listed below. (Physicians who fail to complete the 60 hours of CME and pass the test by January 1, 2005 will lose their authority to prescribe drugs as of that date.)******

13. "DRUG" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 32-1901 (PHARMACY STATUTES) BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE:

(a) INTRAVENOUS ADMINISTRATION OF LEGEND DRUGS, EXCEPT FOR VITAMINS, CHELATION THERAPY AND DRUGS USED IN EMERGENCY RESUSCITATION AND STABILIZATION.

(b) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES LISTED AS SCHEDULE I OR II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AS DEFINED IN THE FEDERAL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT OF 1970 (21 UNITED STATES CODE SECTION 802), EXCEPT MORPHINE.

(c) CANCER CHEMOTHERAPEUTICS CLASSIFIED AS LEGEND DRUGS.

(d) ANTIPSYCHOTICS.

**14. "LEGEND DRUG" MEANS ANY DRUG DEFINED BY SECTION 503(b) OF THE
FEDERAL FOOD, DRUG AND COSMETIC ACT AND UNDER WHICH DEFINITION ITS
LABEL IS REQUIRED TO BEAR THE STATEMENT "RX ONLY".**

**You will receive information from the Board and from
the Arizona Naturopathic Medical Association on
where and when the pharmacotherapeutics classes and
tests will be offered.**